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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: Steve B. Taylor
Sole Inventor: Steve B. Taylor
For: A Coupler
Filing Date: June 20, 2003
Application Number: 10/600,379
Attorney Docket Number: 2236.001
Express Mail Label Number: ER813744565US
Group Art Unit: 3679
Examiner: Victor MacArthur

**NOTICE OF APPEAL
FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

To: Mail Stop NOTICE OF APPEAL
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Honorable Members of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences:

As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent

Appeals and Interference ("Board") from the decision of the Examiner dated May 6, 2004 ("Final Office Action"), rejecting the following claims: 1-22.

Claims 23-31 were withdrawn from examination by restriction, with traverse. The Examiner stated in the Final Office Action, page 10, lines 1-3, that a complete reply to the Final Office Action must include cancellation of non-elected claims as provided in MPEP §821.01. In reply, Applicant filed a Reply to Office Action 02 that complied with the Examiner's requirement.

No questions relating to other matters not affecting the merits of the invention are pending.

The Examiner has twice rejected claims 1-22 and finally rejected claims 1-22.

As provided in MPEP §1205, this Notice of Appeal must be filed with the Commissioner no later than August 6, 2004. This Notice of Appeal, therefore, is timely filed.

As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.192, as amended and effective as of November 10, 1998, Appellant understand that Appellant's Brief is to be filed within two (2) months from the date of filing this Notice of Appeal.

Government filing fees enclosed in connection with the Appeal are:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For filing the Notice of Appeal (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))	\$330.00
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	Less Small Entity Deduction.....	\$165.00

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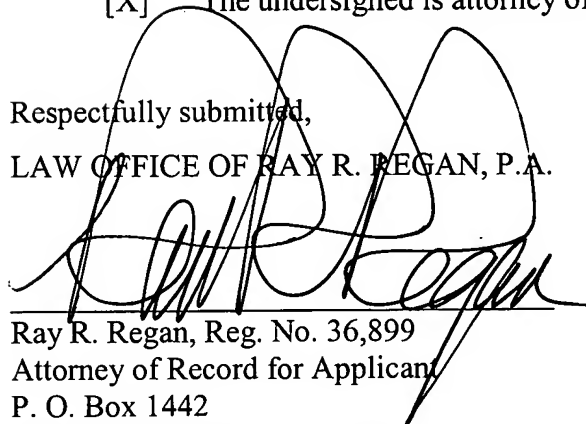
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Respectfully submitted,

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